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**EX PARTE**  
**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TWB-204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Ex Parte Meeting on June 19, 2006 on AT&T's Proposed Acquisition of BellSouth, WC Docket No. 06-74; Broadband Consumer Protection, WC Docket No. 05-271; Cable Television Franchise, Implementation of 621-A of the Cable Communications Policy Act, MB Docket No. 05-311; Petition of AT&T for Waiver of Commission's Rules to Treat Certain Local Number Portability Costs as Exogenous Costs Under Section 61.45 (d), CC Docket No. 95-116; Non-Rural High Cost Support, Docket Nos., CC-96-45 and WC 05-337; Intercarrier Compensation, CC Docket No. 01-92; Petition of BellSouth for Forbearance from Cost Assignment Rules, WC Docket No. 05-342; Qwest Petition for Forbearance from Dominant Carrier Rules, WC Docket No. 05-333; and A La Carte options for consumers**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On June 19, 2006, Seema M. Singh, Ratepayer Advocate and Chris White, Deputy Ratepayer Advocate of the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate ("Ratepayer Advocate") met with Commissioner Copps, Scott M. Deutchman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, and Lena Wegenger at the Federal Communications Commission to discuss our views on the above referenced matters. The Ratepayer Advocate provided talking points on Intercarrier Compensation, Non-Rural High Cost Support, BellSouth's Forbearance Petition, Qwest's Forbearance Petition, Consumer Protections for Broadband, Cable Franchising, and a copy of our filing in response to AT&T's local number portability waiver request. With regard to the AT&T/BellSouth proceeding, the Ratepayer Advocate repeated the concerns addressed in its initial comments. Ratepayer Advocate also discussed a la carte options for consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

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